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SITUATION INFORMATION REPORT

Representative Richard H. ICHORD, who will become Chairman of HCUA, has stated that his first order of business would be to investigate the Students for a Democratic Society.

He also plans to "improve the investigative techniques" of the Committee and said there would be fewer summonses for hostile witnesses intending to refuse to testify under the Fifth Amendment.

An intelligence summary from a West Coast law enforcement agency states that:

The Black Student Unions, formerly independent in the various California area high schools, are now organized in a state-wide union of BSU's with National headquarters located at 3106 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley, California (BPP headquarters).

A Swedish newspaper on 17 January 1969 quoted Stokely CARMICHAEL as saying that he and his wife, singer Miriam MAKEBA, plan to move permanently to Conakry, Guinea, Africa. There have been a number of rumors previously as to CARMICHAEL's intentions. It seems doubtful that he would voluntarily make a permanent move from the U. S. A. - where the money is.

The Black United Front (Washington, D. C.) has called on President NIXON to elevate one of its members by appointing Rev. Walter FAUNTROY as Chairman of the D. C. City Council. The BUF has also announced its support of the militant BUF member Julius HOBSON for the presidency of the newly elected District school board.

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Along with numerous demands for "Black Studies" programs emerging on today's high school and college campuses is included the demand for a course in Swahili. The language will probably be included as an elective in Washington, D.C., high schools next year. Some high schools and colleges around the country in areas of heavy Negro population are already offering the language. In addressing the question: Why Swahili as a symbol of Black Pride?, Dr. Joseph APLEGATE, director of African Studies at Harvard University suggested that it might be because the language is mentioned in books, movies, and on television more frequently than other African languages.

Actually Swahili has little heritage connected significance for the American Negro. Swahili (and its 15 dialects) is spoken primarily in Eastern Africa while most American Negroes come from Western Africa.

During the early 19th century, Swahili was spread from the east coast inland by Arab slaves and ivory caravans. It is primarily a spoken language. Its earliest literature was in Arabic script and only by the end of the 19th century had the Roman alphabet been applied to it. It is extremely difficult to speak and poor in written literature, restricted principally to poetry, drama, and folk stories that have been handed down by word of mouth. Of the world population 12 million speak the fifteen dialects of Swahili compared with 314 million who speak English, 188 Million who speak Russian, 179 million who speak Spanish, 120 million who speak German, and 75 million who speak French.

Advocates of Swahili say it's a useful mental discipline like any other language. Thereby they are unintentionally implying that study time could otherwise be much more profitably spent.

Roy WILKINS, head of the NAACP has come out strongly against the campus black militant who demands separate housing facilities and an autonomous black studies program. WILKINS views the present day clamor toward

a black identity by the college Negro as racially counter-productive and tending to destroy the progress made by the NAACP since the early 1930's. The objectives of WILKINS' organization has been and remains the obtaining, through legal and constitutional means, multi-equal opportunity in a non-segregated society. The emergence of CORE, SNCC; Black Panthers, Black Student Union and other youth oriented black racist phenomena are naturally repugnant and undermining to the basic philosophy of NAACP. WILKINS stated at the recently held NAACP annual corporate meeting in New York that the demands of today's black college student, represent: in essence the setting up of racially biased Jim Crow Schools. The use of public tax monies for such a purpose, WILKINS believes and NAACP lawyers believe is unconstitutional.

Although the organization does not oppose the teaching of courses in black studies, and in fact has a program to encourage such courses in high schools and colleges, the NAACP is prepared to go to court suing on the basis of their belief that tax funds cannot be used to create and maintain segregated facilities.

CALENDAR OF TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

Asterisked items are either reported for the first time or contain additions or changes to previously reported activities.

- February 1969** **Austin, Texas -** Austin SDS is considering the feasibility of demonstrating against Walt ROSTOW, special assistant to President JOHNSON, when he arrives at the University of Texas to take up duties as Professor of Economics. SDS is considering using the words "Pinkie" and "Commie" to describe Mr. ROSTOW.
- February 3-5** ***Washington, D. C. -** The Clergy and Laymen Concerned About Vietnam (CLCAV), a national interfaith, anti-war organization, has announced plans for its Third National Mobilization of persons from the religious community - the theme: "Vietnam and the future of the American Empire." They plan to hold discussion sessions, stage lobby-type demonstrations, and to visit each Senator and Representative.
- February 5** ***Washington, D. C. -** The Black United Front (BUF), which on 10 January 1969 announced it was cancelling plans to hold hearings seeking solutions to crime problems in Negro neighborhoods because of the "overwhelming enthusiasm to the proposal by the white community," is scheduled to hold its next meeting on 5 February 1969. C. Sumner STONE, a member of the group's steering committee, said, "Then we'll decide where we go from here."
- February 7-9** ***Atlanta, Georgia -** A southwide conference of women is being planned for Agnes Scott College by the Southern Student Organizing Committee. Emphasizing "women's liberation" and concerning women's problems in society and the peace movement, many women actively working for social change on Southern campuses are expected to gather.

February 13

*Chicago, Illinois - Trial is scheduled to begin for eleven members of the Chicago Black Panther Party (BPP) who were arrested 19 December 1969 and charged with "unlawful use of weapons." BPP leaders said that four autos left BPP headquarters with 15-20 BPP members in response to an invitation for consultation by leaders of the "Blackstone Rangers" - Chicago area street gang. Three of the cars were stopped by police, allegedly for traffic violations, and some knives and at least one gun were reportedly found.

Claiming a frame-up, the BPP has hired attorneys and is raising money to fight the case.

February 22

*Chicago, Illinois - A city-wide conference on peace will be held by the Chicago Peace Council, at the 8th Street YMCA. The meeting will reportedly deal with : The Vietnam War; Potential Vietnams; Racism and U. S. Foreign Policy; the Arms Race; and Repression - Trade Union, Civilian and GI.

March 3

The trial of James Earl RAY will apparently start on schedule. Judge W. Preston BATTLE of the Memphis Criminal Court has ordered the public defenders office to assign as many persons as necessary to work with defense attorney Percy FOREMAN in order to meet the trial schedule.

March 16

London, England - Mrs. Coretta KING, widow of Martin Luther KING, Jr., will be the first woman to preach at a regular service in St. Paul's Cathedral according to authorities in London.

April 5-6

*Toronto, Canada - The Communist Party of Canada will hold its 20th Convention Easter weekend.

April 6

(Easter Sunday) - At the sparsely attended "National GI-Civilian Anti-War Action Conference" held in Chicago December 27-29, it was announced that a

large series of demonstrations would be held in six or seven U. S. cities on Easter Sunday. Cities mentioned are: Chicago, New York, San Francisco, Seattle, Austin, Atlanta, and possibly Los Angeles. The reason for planning local rather than large national demonstrations was to facilitate more local GI participation in various parts of the U. S. The Conference resolved to seek the support of the NMC for the April 6 demonstrations.

April 30-May 4

*The National Executive Board and the National Committee of the C. P., U. S. A., met earlier this month in New York City to make preparations for the Party's 19th National Convention. The National Committee endorsed a proposal that the National Convention be held from April 30 through May 4, 1969. Since the leadership has already delayed this National Convention for a year to avoid selection of a new leadership, it is possible that these dates were chosen with the view in mind that the convening of the International Conference of Communist Parties in Moscow could present a conflict in dates and an excuse for another postponement.

However, on 17 January call was issued for the Convention by Henry WINSTON, national chairman, and Gus HALL, general secretary. The call hails "the growing radicalization of black Americans, of workers, of students, and the youth."

SOURCE: Government and news media

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